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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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27 November 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: A. W. MARSHALL

SUBJECT: Agenda for 29 November NSCIC Meeting

A NSCIC meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 November 1972. Background information and talking points will be provided to you on 28 November.

The last meeting of the NSCIC was on December 3, 1971. It will be most useful at this next meeting to:

-- Review what has been done since the last meeting to implement the President's guidance of November 5, 1971.

-- Discuss how best in the future to get the NSCIC to perform its primary function -- issuing authoritative guidance to Helms and the community.

To get at these points I propose the following agenda:

-- Helms to give a brief rundown (5-10 minutes) on progress in implementing the November 5, 1971 memorandum from the President.

-- Bronson Tweedy (Helms' Deputy, Chairman of the NSCIC Working Group) to give a briefing (15 minutes) on what the NSCIC Working Group has been doing.

-- Discussion of key points raised in the NSCIC Working Group study of intelligence support during the India-Pakistan crisis.

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-- A discussion of the need to get the net assessment effort moving.

-- A proposal that the NSCIC review the policy and priority guidance aspects of Helms' National Intelligence Program Memorandum, and his Planning Guidance, at the next NSCIC meeting.

The last topic is particularly important. For various reasons there has been a lot of difficulty in getting the NSCIC into the business of giving guidance. Now that Helms is producing policy documents that purport to apply to the entire community, there is a vehicle which the NSCIC can use to express its views.

I recommend that you approve the points I have listed for the agenda. I am preparing background information and talking points in support.

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